

## **REMARKS**

Applicants and the undersigned are most grateful for the time and effort accorded the instant application by the Examiner.

Upon entry of the instant Amendment, Claims 1-3, 5-6, 10-19, and 21-22 will be all of the claims presently pending before the Examiner.

According to the Restriction Requirement, election of one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. §121:

- I. Claims 1-2, 10-12, and 18-20, drawn to a method for protecting industrial materials;
- II. Claims 3 and 5-6, drawn to a composition for protecting industrial materials; and
- III. Claims 13-17, drawn to an industrial material.

**Applicants hereby elect Group II (Claims 3 and 5-6).** Applicants further submit newly added Claims 21 and 22 are also drawn to the subject matter of Group II and should, therefore, be examined as well.

As set forth above, Claims 21 and 22 are newly added. Claims 1-3, 5-6, and 10-19 are amended. Of these claims, Claims 1, 2, and 10-19 are withdrawn from further consideration, but may be rejoined upon an allowance of the elected group. Finally, Claim 20 is canceled without prejudice.

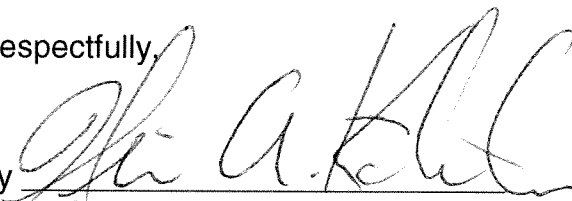
Applicants respectfully submit that no new matter has been added by the present amendments. Support for the amendments can be found generally throughout the Applicants' disclosure. Applicants expressly reserve the right to present the claims of non-elected group or other claims in one or more divisional, continuation, or continuation-in-part applications at a later date.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, or need any additional information from Applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned directly.

The USPTO is hereby authorized to charge any fees, including any fees for an extension of time or those under 37 CFR 1.16 or 1.17, which may be required by this paper, and/or to credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 50-2527.

Respectfully,

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